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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, JO, IR
SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF F-5'S FROM IRAN TO JORDAN

REFS: (A) STATE 270318 (B) AMMAN 7403

1. AS REQUEST REFTEL (A) AND INDICATED IN REFTEL (B), I MET PRIME MINISTER RIFAI ON DECEMBER 12 AND ASKED HIM FOR THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER ASSURANCES FOR PROPOSED DELIVERY OF F-5'S FROM IRAN TO JORDAN.

2. PRIME MINISTER RIFAI HAD NO PROBLEM WITH OUR GENERAL APPROACH REGARDING WRITTEN ASSURANCES. (I HANDED HIM TEXT OF PROPOSED NOTE REFTEL (A)). HOWEVER, HE SAID (A) HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO INCLUDE SECOND PARAGRAPH DESCRIBING UNDERSTAND-ING OF GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, PARTICULARLY SINCE GOI HAD NOT REPEAT NOT IN FACT INFORMED GOJ THAT CONSUMATION OF TRANSACTION WAS DEPENDENT UPON THE GOJ'S RECEIPT OF WRITTEN CONSENT BY USG AND (B) HE WOULD PREFER TO PROVIDE US DIRECTLY IN LETTER FROM HIM TO ME, WITH REQUIRED ASSURANCES.

3. I REPLIED THAT WHILE I WAS NOT A LAWYER, IT SEEMED TO ME THAT PRINCIPAL QUESTION WAS TO RECEIVE IN WRITING FROM HIM ASSURANCES OF GOJ IN CONNECTION WITH THE AIRCRAFT TRANSFER AS
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SET OUT IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF PROPOSED NOTE. SAID I WOULD

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CHECK THIS APPROACH WITH WASHINGTON AND LET HIM KNOW IF THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, AND WHILE DRAFTING THIS CABLE, PRIME MINISTER RIFAI SENT FOLLOWING LETTER TO ME WHICH PROVIDES THE THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER ASSURANCES CONTAINED IN THIRD PARAGRPAH OF PROPOSED NOTE. INASMUCH AS IT CONTAINS THE BASIC ASSURANCES REQUIRED, I TRUST IT WILL BE SATISFACTORY.

5. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:
"AMMAN DECEMBER 12, 1974

H.E. MR. THOMAS R. PICKERING
AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA,
AMMAN.

EXCELLENCY,

I AM WRITING WITH REGARDS TO THE PROPOSED TRANSFER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN OF TWENTY-TWO F-5A AND TWO F-5B AIRCRAFT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN, AND WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE F-5 AIRCRAFT AND/OR THEIR COMPONENTS WHICH IT PROPOSES TO OBTAIN FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,

ZAID AL-RIFAI
PRIME MINISTER" END TEXT OF LETTER

6. EMBASSY POUCHING LETTER TO DEPARTMENT (MR. WARD, NEA/ARN).

7. IF DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTIONS, I WOULD PROPOSE
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TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIS LETTER IN ONE FROM ME REPEATING VERBATIM TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING ON THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER, AS OUTLINED IN PRIME MINISTER'S ABOVE LETTER.
PICKERING

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